

In the Claims:

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Please amend claim 1 as follows.

- A-1  
Sub B1
1. (Amended) A cosmetic oil-in-water emulsion composition consisting essentially of :
- (a) a retinoid solubilized in a fluid oil,
  - (b) a polymeric emulsifier selected from the group consisting of an amphipathic block co-polymer, a polymer containing a hydrophilic backbone modified with hydrophobic groups, and mixtures thereof.

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Please add new Claims 11 and 12 as follows.

- A 2  
Sub B1  
Contd
11. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein said fluid oil is selected from the group consisting of esters of fatty acids, alcohols, hydrocarbons, and mixtures thereof.
12. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the half-life of the retinoid in the composition is at least about 70 days at 50°C.